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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1 to 68 without prejudice and substitute therefor the following:

A system for percutaneous treatment of a patient's heart, comprising:

a catheter, the catheter having a proximal end and a

distal end;

an active portion at the distal end of the catheter for applying laser energy operable to ablate a portion of the heart; and

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